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# LOVE FROM BARBIE

## Dear Barbie Friend,

Spring is such a wonderful season, isn't it? Everything seems to be waking up after the winter.

With this issue, you get a chance to "wake up" to some terrific new fashions, lots of interviews, and a special article on books. Plus, all your favorite features, like the Barbie Story.

Enjoy the season—see you soon!

Love, *Barbie*




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# Your Page

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I really like subscribing to your magazine. This is only my first issue, but it is so much fun. Now that I get your magazine, reading is my favorite hobby.

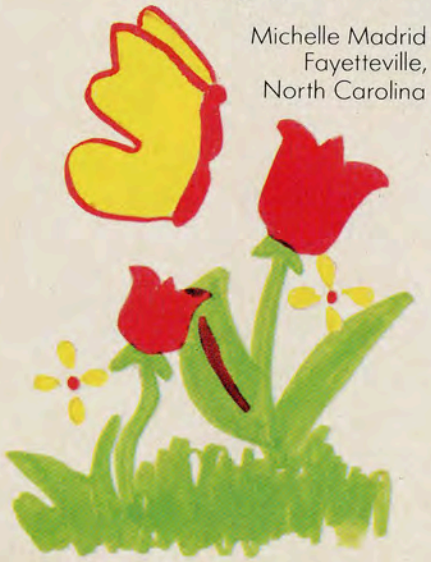
Courtney Lynee Robinson
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I think this is the coolest magazine ever. I love every bit of it. I really liked "Seven Days Seven Ways" in the fall issue. It is really fun to read! I can't wait to get another magazine!

Tara Mulligan
Sparta, New Jersey

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I'm 8 years old. I am in 4-H, and I love horses. I have three horses, one dog, and 22 Barbie dolls! Sometimes I take my BARBIE Magazine to my grandmother's house.

Kristin Herendeen
Canandaigua, New York



Michelle Madrid
Fayetteville,
North Carolina

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
This is the first letter I ever wrote! I am going to be 8 years old soon. So far school is great, and I love your magazine! It's so much fun, and my free time would be boring without it!

Amber Lyn Hagar
Hartland, Wisconsin

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I have a dog. His name is Biscuit, and he is 2 years old. I love BARBIE Magazine. I have a big sister. She is 8 years old. My dad said he had a surprise for me, and it was BARBIE Magazine.

Amber Nelson
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I really like BARBIE Magazine. It is fun to read. When I am sad, it makes me happy.

Skye LaFerrara
Toms River, New Jersey

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I like your magazine very much. I've tried some of your hairdos. I put on dress-up clothes and get really beautiful. I'm 7½ years old.

Claudia McCotter
Duncanville, Texas

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
My favorite thing to do is play soccer. I play almost every day. And I like sleepovers. But the thing I like best is BARBIE Magazine.

Monica Grammer
Bartlett, Tennessee

Angela Robinson
Knoxville, Iowa

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I like getting your magazine because I always hated my hair. I could never get it done in time for school. So I read your magazine, and now I found a way to do my hair!

Jennifer Metzler
Middle Island, New York

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I got a dog last summer. He is very cute. He sleeps a lot, but he plays too. He is my best friend and so are you. I love Barbie and BARBIE Magazine.

Karen Schaper
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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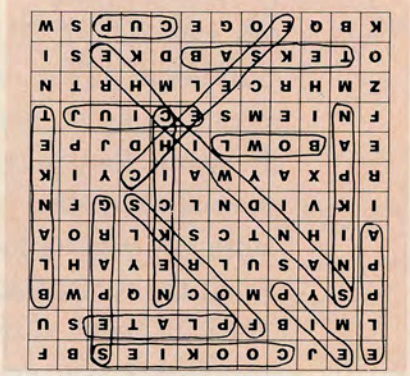

# Your Page

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Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I love your magazine. My favorite thing in the whole wide world is to play with Barbie dolls. My two favorites are Superstar Barbie and Beach Blast Barbie. My Barbie dolls have the best clothes.

Michelle Gronkowski
Oaklawn, Illinois

Michelle Dambach
Ambridge, Pennsylvania

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
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Deborah Shelton
Gray, Louisiana

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
Whenever I get my magazine in the mail, my dad days, "Look what I got in the mail," and I say, "That's for girls!"

Laura Badger
Springfield, Illinois

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
Thanks for your cool fashion and beauty tips. They make me look and feel great!

Ashley McIntosh
Greenback, Tennessee

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I have about 50 Barbie dolls! I just had a birthday party when I turned 9. I really like your sleepover tips. Everybody at my birthday just loved BARBIE Magazine.

Amy Thompson,
Owasso, Oklahoma

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I really liked reading the story "Saturday Surprise." I am a mini cheerleader. I hope to be a cheerleader captain someday. I am 8 years old, and I have six Barbie dolls.

Wylie Drury
Clinton, Missouri

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I am 4 years old and will soon be 5. My birthday is in November. I saw your magazine while I was in the beauty parlor with my mom. She helped me write this letter. She and my dad help me read the articles, and I love looking at all the new fashions and accessories. I think your magazine is great!

Megan Spallinger
Wapakoneta, Ohio

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I really like your magazine. I have one bird and I want a rabbit. I have short blond hair. I'm so glad my cousin told me about your magazine. It even tells you how to do dance steps. That's so awesome!

Leann Fitzhenry
Hazelwood, Pennsylvania

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I like every page in your magazine. Most of all I like "Your Page" because I like hearing why other people like the magazine too!

Carrie-Ann Cinelli
North Jersey, New Jersey

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
When I get my BARBIE Magazine, I go upstairs where there is peace and quiet and go through it page by page. I love your magazines. They're not boring like others.

Grace Dunlap
Atchison, Kansas

Dear BARBIE Magazine,
I love reading your magazine. The best part is the poster. I have 10 posters in my room. Every time I get an issue, I hang the poster on my wall. I can't wait till the next issue! I like the stories second best!

Dara Greene
Columbus, Nebraska

Maggie Brinkley
Upper Montclair, New Jersey

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## THE BARBIE BOOKSHELF

**From stories to star-gazing, these books have it all!**

Mouthwatering cookies, delicious cupcakes, and sensational snacks fill the giant pages of **My First Cookbook**, which has simple, step-by-step recipes. The gorgeous color photos show life-size ingredients and final creations—just looking at this book will make you hungry! (By Angela Wilkes, Alfred A. Knopf, $9.95)

**Going to my Ballet Class**

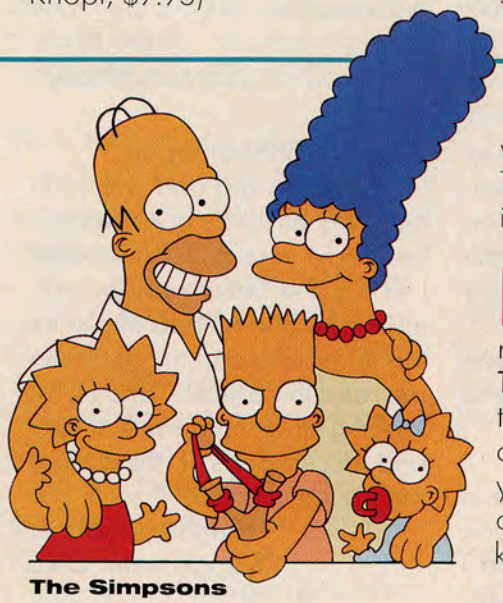
Love ballet? Then you'll love **Going to My Ballet Class.** Through the words and brightly colored photographs, you'll learn about the kids, the teacher, the training—and the fun!—that are all part of the world of aspiring dancers. It'll keep you on your toes! (By Susan Kuklin, Bradbury Press, $12.95)

If you've ever gazed at the stars and wished you knew more about what you were seeing, check out **Start Exploring the Night Sky.** The book offers explanations about stars and planets, activities such as making craters, definitions of many words, and lots of photos and drawings. Happy star-search! (By Dennis Mammana, Running Press, $19.95)

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

**What's new to see in movies and tv**

Remember Heidi, the little girl who lived in the Swiss Alps with her grandfather? Now, you can join the heroine of the classic book as she continues her adventures in Epic Productions' **Courage Mountain**. Newcomer Juliette Caton stars as Heidi, who leads her classmates in a daring escape from an Italian boarding school when war breaks out. And look for Charlie Sheen as Heidi's friend Peter! This movie's sure to become a new classic—and soon, an old favorite!



**The Simpsons**

The Simpsons are the nuttiest family around. The animated antics of Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie first appeared on **The Tracey Ullman Show.** Now you can see them on their own show called—what else?—**The Simpsons** (Fox). Tune in with your family—and see if you see yourselves!

Meet Sodapop, Two-bit and Darrel. They're members of a group of friends in **The Outsiders** (Fox). Set in 1966, the series takes you into the world of 1960s teenagers. Watch for young actors Jennifer McComb and Jay R. Ferguson; if you don't know them now, you will soon!

Two students start a newspaper, and become part of a battle over freedom of speech in **Words to Live By**, a CBS Schoolbreak Special. The movie asks some serious questions about people's rights to say what they believe in—and you'll have to think hard about the answers! You may even ask your parents to watch this special with you, so you can talk about this issue.

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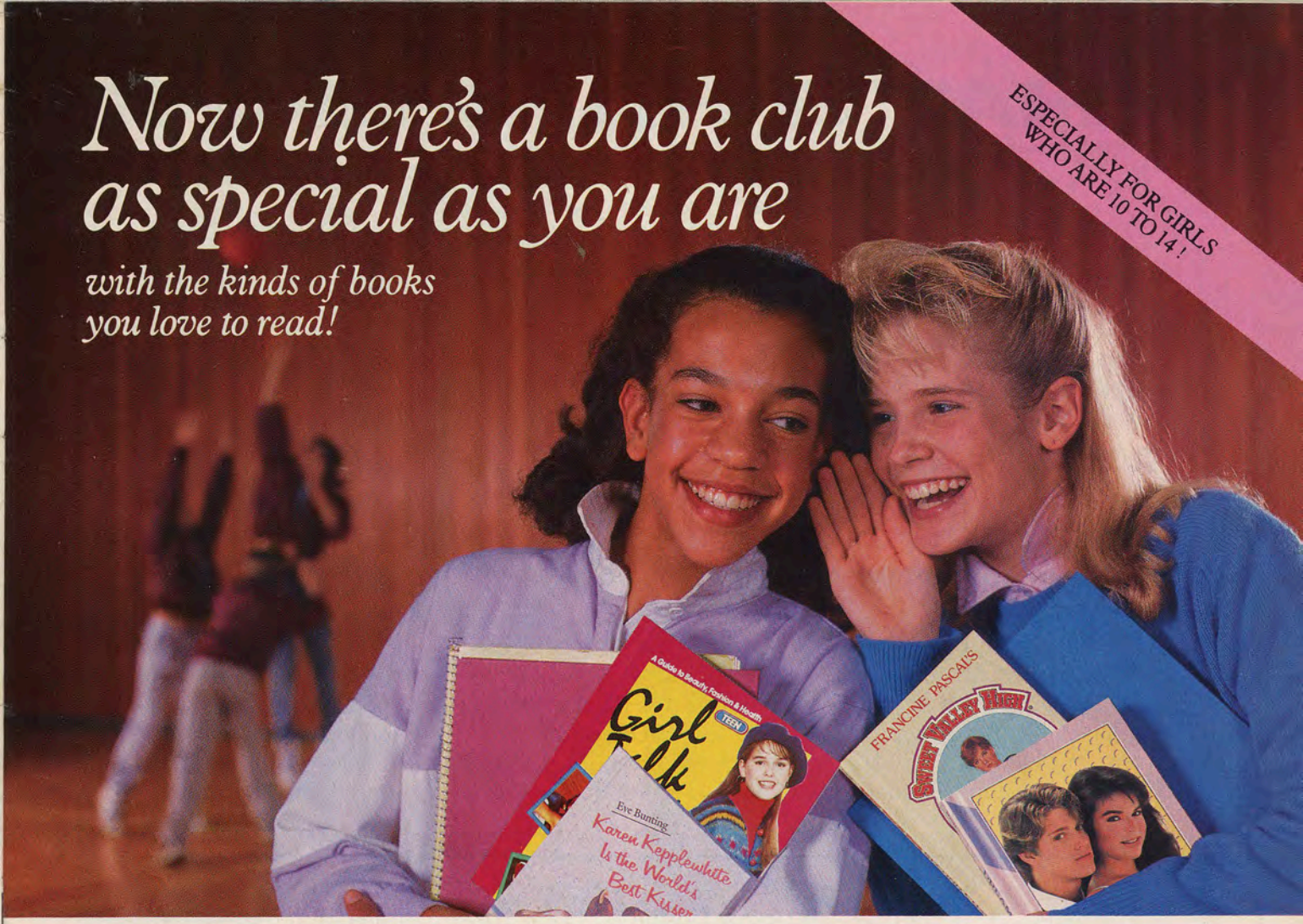


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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## SOUNDS

**Get in the groove with today's top in pop!**

Who's 17, started singing when he was 12, and is ready to become a hot new star? It's Chris Bender, and you're sure to become a fan of his when you hear **Chris Bender,** his first album. Chris's songs are upbeat, funky tunes like the sassy **Baby Girl** and the danceable **Teddy Bear.** So get ready to welcome a new talent! (Epic)

Acacia and Melanie make up the group Bardeux, and Bardeux makes up great dance numbers like **Shangri-La** and **Just Say the Word** on **Shangri-La,** their bouncy new album. All of the songs are being released as singles, too, so catch them all! (Enigma)

She came up from Down Under to score big hits with the songs **Lucky,** and a remake of **Locomotion.** Now Australian Kylie Minogue is back with **Enjoy Yourself.** The lively record features the standouts **Hand On Your Heart** and **Wouldn't Change A Thing.** When you hear this album, you won't want to change a thing about it!

**Acacia and Melanie of Bardeux**

## VIDEO

**Great kid vids of classic books**

Today, you can find some great video adaptations of classic books. Below is a list that we think you would enjoy. If you like the video, why not read the book?

● **The Black Stallion** by Walter Farley (1979, CBS/Fox)
A young boy and a wild stallion are the only survivors of a shipwreck; they live on a deserted island until they are rescued.

● **Doctor Dolittle** by Hugh Lofting (1967, CBS/Fox)
John Dolittle is a veterinarian with a great love for animals. With the help of Polynesia, the parrot, he learns to talk to them—and they talk back!

● **Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White (1972, Paramount/Hanna Barbera)
This is an animated tale of the friendship between a spider named Charlotte and her friend, Wilbur the pig. Keep the Kleenex handy!

● **Freaky Friday** by Mary Rodgers (1979, Disney)
Something outrageous has just happened to Annabel Andrews. She's changed places with her mother! Sound like a situation you'd like to see in your house?

● **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** by C.S. Lewis (1985, Vestron)
Do you ever pretend to be taken away to another land? The Pevensie children make that fantasy come true. They enter a wardrobe in an old house and find a magical route to Narnia.

● **Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott (1933, MGM/UA Home Video Inc.)
This is the charming story of four sisters: Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. You're sure to have something in common with one of the girls.

● **Pollyanna** by Eleanor Porter (1960, Disney)
Pollyanna Whittier rises above all misfortune. With her optimistic outlook, she wins the hearts of everyone around her.

● **The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett (1984, Playhouse video)
At the age of 9, Mary Lenox is sent to live in her uncle's mansion. There she meets Colin Craven, who never leaves his wheelchair. Through each other, the children learn what it means to care for another person.

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# MUSEUMS 1990

If you think that a trip to the museum only means looking at rooms of Greek vases, think again! Museums offer everything from hands-on music studios to recreations of historic towns. We've included a list of just a few of the best, plus ways to get the most out of your visit.

Before you visit a museum, check out these tips from Joanne Cleaver, author of **Doing Children's Museums: A Guide to 225 Hands-On Museums.**

- Eat before you go. And wear comfortable shoes!
- Once you're at the museum, get a map so you can find your way around.
- When you're looking at a piece of art, ask yourself these questions: How does it make you feel—happy, sad, excited? What is the artist trying to say? Read the sign hanging near the art for information about the artist and the work.

**Here are some great museums:**

The Children's Museum, P.O. Box 3000, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

A Victorian railway depot, a science hall with exhibitions on plants and animals, and a walk-through limestone cave—you can find them all at this museum. All the exhibits are hands-on, and they cover areas from Egyptian archeology to music in Trinidad!

The Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon Street, San Francisco, California 94123

This science discovery center was the model for lots of others because it has such terrific exhibits. They might include using computer technology to choose a color for finger painting, or even watching the museum staff build a new exhibit!

Old Sturbridge Village, Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, Massachusetts, 01566

You'll feel like you're back in 1830s New England when you visit this "living museum." It's a recreation of a village, complete with working farms and shops. You'll feel like you've stepped back in time!

**Museums offer more than just rooms full of pictures—check one out and see for yourself.**

The Art Institute of Chicago, Michigan Ave. at Adams St., Chicago, Illinois, 60603

The Institute's Junior Museum will let you explore highlights from the museum's permanent and special collections. You can go on a tour, play a walking "game" that will help you understand what you see in the galleries, and take a variety of free workshops.

Many museums offer workshops, special programs, and information by mail. The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York has wonderful books based on their collections, such as **Talking to the Sun** (Henry Holt). So if you don't live near a museum, you can still get involved! Contact the closest ones to your hometown.

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# HOT TIPS

**Trends, fads, products, books, clothing, news, hot topics—hot tips! Turns out there's so much going on that we've decided to make the Hot Tips column a full page, so you'll be even more up on what's in. Remember—if you read it here, it's hot!**

## What are kids across the USA up to? They're . . .

Wearing funky Impulse **beaded bracelets** and colorful **tie bands** around their wrists . . . referring to someone who's a sharp dresser as a **"style master"** . . . learning about the environment by sending Sierra Club Books Baby Animals **postcards** and writing to the organization for more info. Sierra Club, 730 Polk Street, San Francisco, CA, 94109 . . . also supporting the environment by wearing Barbara Klunders' **Us Kids Care** t-shirts with silk-screened rhymes about protecting the world we live in . . . stepping out in great new footwear: **Adidas** washable sneakers and **British Knights** high-powered, sassy sneaks . . . making letter-writing more fun with **Rock 'N Write**, a pen with a built-in FM radio, and making sunglasses more fun with **Cool Write** sunglasses—they have a built-in pen in the ear piece . . . tuning in to the **First All-Children's National Radio Network**, which features music, stories, and interviews . . . staying ahead of your favorite reading by joining **Sneak Peeks**—a newsletter about authors and upcoming books published by **Bantam**. Write to: Sneak Peeks, Bantam Books, P.O. Box 1011, South Holland, IL 60473 . . . getting a future flash with a new interactive **cable music station** available in the next few months—you'll be able to freeze a picture on the TV screen, or see the words to a song printed out . . . celebrating **National Wildlife Week**, April 22–28 . . . wearing three pairs of **leggings**, layered . . . stepping into brightly colored, clunky **shoes.**

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## The Write Stuff

Got a great idea for a book? Know you can do fantastic illustrations? Then think about entering **The 1990 Written & Illustrated by . . . Awards Contest for Students.** You can enter in one of three categories, depending on your age (6–9, 10–13, 14–19). Entries have to be in by May 1, 1990, and you need your teacher to help you enter. The winners receive a publishing contract and a trip to Kansas City, Missouri, where Landmark Editions, Inc., the publisher, is located.

Interested? For rules and guidelines, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: The 1990 National, Written & Illustrated by . . . Awards Contest, Landmark Editions, Inc., P.O. Box 4469, Kansas City, MO 64127.

## Music Maker
### Meet a Teen Singing Star!

Get ready girls! Bobby Ross Avila, 13, is ready to wow his way into your heart. His debut album, **Music Man**, boasts a lively mix of r & b and pop tunes. Some songs, like **Music Man,** make you want to get up and dance. Others, such as **Drugs Ain't My Thang**, make you sit back and think.

Bobby, known as "Ross," is from San Bernardino, California. His recent success and traveling schedule have left him with little time for school, so a tutor now comes to his house. Bobby has an older sister, and an 11-year-old brother, who is one of his back-up dancers.

Although **Music Man** is his first album, Bobby is not new to the music business. At the age of 2, his father gave him a mini-keyboard, and Bobby has been playing ever since. In addition to singing, he co-writes the songs, and plays the synthesizers and drum machines.

What advice does Bobby have for you? "If you have a dream and a goal, and believe in yourself, you can be anything you want to be in this world. That's the kind of attitude I like to bring to people."

# Study Skills

Even if you miss the shot, you make an important point. Girls who participate in sports learn things on the court that are crucial for success in the classroom, and later in life. Sports develop confidence, teamwork and a sense of competition that will help you score big in the future. And in our book, that makes you a winner.

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# Wild about

## Top Titles

**Here's a list of the top ten, all-time, best-selling children's books. Maybe your favorite is included!**

**1. The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton (Dell Laurel-Leaf, 1968)**

**2. Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret by Judy Blume (Dell Yearling and Laurel-Leaf, 1974)**

**3. Charlotte's Web by E.B. White (Harper Trophy, 1978)**

**4. Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume (Dell Yearling, 1976)**

**5. Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder, illus. by Garth Williams (Harper Trophy, 1971)**

**6. The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery (HBJ, 1968)**

**7. Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder, illus. by Garth Williams (Harper Trophy, 1971)**

**8. That Was Then, This Is Now by S.E. Hinton (Dell Laurel-Leaf, 1972)**

**9. Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (Bantam, 1974)**

**10. Superfudge by Judy Blume (Dell Yearling, 1981)**

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When we ran our reader poll last spring, you told us that one of your favorite activities is reading. So we've decided to devote a whole article to books.

## Who's Behind 'The Baby-sitters'?

We're especially pleased because Ann M. Martin, the author of *The Baby-sitters Club* series of books, agreed to talk to BARBIE Magazine.

We visited Ann at her apartment in New York City. Here's what she had to say!

**Barbie:** Kids love the idea of a club made up of baby-sitters. Where did that idea come from?

**Ann:** My editor at the publishing company came up with the idea, and I created the characters and the situations. I was only supposed to write four books, but they became so popular that now I write 12 every year!

**Barbie:** Some of the events in the books are pretty wacky. Have you had any of the experiences that you write about?

**Ann Martin: Head baby-sitter**

**Ann:** I've had some of the experiences. I baby-sat from the time I was 10 until I was in college. A lot of the experiences I had were sort of ordinary. But now my friends call me up and tell me about stuff that happened to them when they baby-sat. So a lot of the experiences are true, but they didn't necessarily happen to me.

**Barbie:** We know that it's important to be very organized when you write. What is your writing schedule like?

**Ann:** I start writing at 8:00 a.m. I usually write until about 1 or 2 p.m. After that, I go through my

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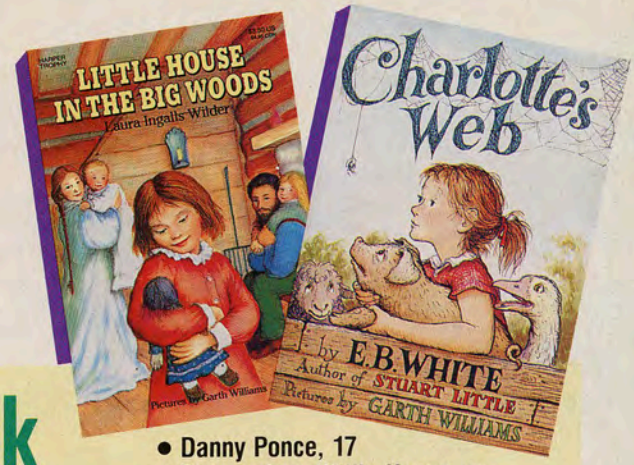
**Barbara Bush, our thirty-eighth First Lady, has chosen the promotion of literacy and the importance of reading as her special areas of focus. So as part of our special feature, we asked Mrs. Bush what her three favorite books were. They were *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott, *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte and *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. We appreciate her taking the time to respond to BARBIE Magazine.**

# Words




mail and do some editing. I usually stop working about 6:30. I have a pretty good memory, so if I get an idea after I'm done working, I'll usually remember it.

**Barbie:** Why do you think that *The Baby-sitters Club* books are so popular?

**Ann:** Well, for one thing, they're funny! And they deal with problems that a lot of kids face, like divorced parents and even illnesses such as diabetes.

**Barbie:** Sometimes authors get "writer's block"—when they have trouble writing for a while. Do you ever have that problem?

**Ann:** Well, there's a trick I use when I get stuck: I stop writing in the middle of a sentence, and I put whatever I'm working on away until the next day. Then, when I come back, I have to finish the sentence, and I can usually continue from there.

**Barbie:** We know that there are a lot of aspiring authors out there. What advice would you give to kids who want to write?

**Ann:** First of all, I tell kids to read a lot. Get to know all different types of writing.

Next, keep a journal, and try to write something in it every day. The best subjects to write about are the ones that are real, like the day you dropped your tray in the school cafeteria. It's better to write about that than to write about a trip around the world that you've never taken!

**Barbie:** Thank you, Ann, for talking to us. We can't wait to see what happens to the club and you've inspired us to try some more writing ourselves!

## Book Talk

**We asked kids what their favorite book is. Here's what they said.**

- **Alyssa Milano, 16**
  **Alyssa stars on the TV show *"Who's The Boss?"***
  **Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte "This is my favorite book because I love reading about a different time and place."**

- **Chris Drury, 12**
  **Chris was the winning pitcher for the Little League World Series championship team.**
  **The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway "Usually I like non-fiction, because when I think of a novel, I think it will be dull. But this book is great."**

- **Danny Ponce, 17**
  **Danny plays Willie Hogan on "The Hogan Family"**
  **A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle "This book really lets your imagination run wild."**

- **Marissa Sappho, 10**
  **Marissa is in fifth grade. She enjoys baseball and dancing.**
  **The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner "I like this book because the four kids have lots of exciting adventures."**

- **Anne Hartshorne, 9**
  **Anne's hobbies include fishing, ice skating, and playing the cello.**
  **Garfield's Thanksgiving by Jim Davis "This is my favorite book because it's so funny and Garfield is good in it."**

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## Shh, I'm Reading

**"WHERE DO YOU LIKE TO READ? HERE ARE SOME FAVORITE PLACES . . . MAYBE YOURS IS ONE OF THEM!**

**"THE BEST PLACE TO READ IS ON A TRIP. I LIKE TO READ ON A TRAIN, PLANE, OR IN THE CAR. IT'S ALSO GREAT TO READ WHILE I'M ON THE BEACH." PAUL, 13**

**"I LIKE TO READ ON THE RUG BY MY BED BECAUSE IT'S RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY BARBIE HOUSE." MARISSA, 10**

**"MY VERY FAVORITE PLACE TO READ IS IN MY BED AT NIGHT, RIGHT BEFORE I GO TO SLEEP." ANNIE, 9**

**"I LIKE TO READ ON A BIG, COMFORTABLE COUCH, WITH MY HEAD PROPPED UP ON A PILLOW." BETSY, 12**

**"I LIKE TO READ ANYWHERE THAT'S QUIET, LIKE THE LIBRARY OR IN MY ROOM. I ALSO LIKE TO READ IN THE PARK." DUSTIN, 14**

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# Meet

# Jodie Sweetin

When you answered our reader poll last spring, one of the celebs you said you'd like to meet was Jodie Sweetin, who stars on the hit show **Full House**. Jodie, 8, plays the middle daughter on the Friday-night series. So here's the scoop on this star!

**Barbie:** Your show is a riot! Do you have a favorite episode?

**Jodie:** Well, last season we did one where the kids went into dad's room and borrowed his ring, and then we lost it in the bathroom. We got all wet, looking for it down the sink, and it was really funny.

**Barbie:** Stephanie, the character you play, says some totally outrageous things! What are your favorite things about her?

**Jodie:** I like the funny things she says. I would never think of saying any of them—and she gets away with them!

**Barbie:** Are you and Stephanie at all alike?

**Jodie:** Well, neither of us can keep secrets very well! And my clothes are a lot like hers. I like to wear hip clothes—oversized sweaters, leggings, and boots.

**Barbie:** What do you like best about being on **Full House**?

**Jodie:** I like to be out there on the set and hear all the people laugh. I like to pretend I'm somebody else. It's really fun! And I love the people I work with.

**Barbie:** Do your fans recognize you when you go out?

**Jodie:** Yes, and I like it, but it can get a little crazy. Once I was at a carousel with my friend and her mom, and we got separated. Everyone around me wanted my autograph. Finally my friend and her mom came and said that was all. It was frightening! I like signing autographs, but not like that!

**Barbie:** What does a cool girl like you do outside of acting?

**Jodie:** I play with my friends and do jazz dancing. I love to play with Barbie dolls, and to read. And one of my favorite hobbies is giggling!

**Barbie:** How did you get into acting? It looks like fun!

**Jodie:** When I was really little, everyone kept telling my mom that I was so funny and she should get me an agent (someone who helps manage an actor's jobs). One day I did a talent show—I had to do two dances. I fell down during one dance, and everyone laughed. I loved hearing them laugh. My mom asked if I wanted to go into acting, and I said yes. So she got me an agent. The first thing I did was an Oscar Meyer commercial when I was 4.

**Barbie:** Do you ever wish you went to a regular school and didn't have to work all the time?

**Jodie:** Well, sometimes I miss going to a regular school. But then I think, a lot of kids wish they could be on TV, and I'm doing it! Then I feel much better.

**Barbie:** Thanks for talking to us! We'll keep laughing along with **Full House**!

**My Favorite . . .**
**Movie:** *The Little Mermaid*
**Subject:** *Reading*
**Expression:** *How Rude!*
**Actor:** *Fred Savage*
**Vacation:** *Yosemite*
**Color:** *Red* **Fad:** *Neon colors*

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# FIESTA FASHIO

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Order up some spicy styles this spring! This gang goes for Mexican cooking—and clothes. From left to right: Jani is mad for Mexx's outrageous outfit—a ruffle-hemmed cropped top and woven cotton shorts. Cheryl shows off Knitwaves' primitive print T and lean green stretchy shorts. Lucy loves her chopped top and "skeggings" in a tasty Mexican pattern from L.L. Sport. Kiarah is cool in Russ Girl's big shirt and Aztec-striped vest over Mexx's cotton Capri pants. And Lori is looking good in Gloria Vanderbilt's camp shirt and matching slacks in a Mexican mixed print. Pass the guacamole, please!

# Accents Olé!

The latest accessories say olé! So wow up your wardrobe with a little inspiration from south of the border. From left to right: charm-ing silvertone pin by BeeBee Designs. Carole Amper woven suspenders. Beadweaver animal pin. Ann Marie handpainted barrette. Hair clip of worry dolls by BeeBee Designs. Bead necklace from Impulse USA. Rosecraft Kids beaded bracelet. Arlene's Taste embroidered leather belt. Woven sash belt (wrapped around hat) also from Arlene's Taste. Burro pin by Beadweaver. Trimfit socks. Beadweaver friendship bracelet.

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# BY THE Sea

**Oh, say can you "sea" this spring's fashion fling? Anchors aweigh for the classic colors and lean lines of the natty nautical look!**

Ahoy! Just scan the horizon of these two pages—and you'll "sea" why sailor style is a fashion fave each sea-son. The colors are bright, and the comfort level just right. When you're tailored like a sailor, you look grand on land or sea. So make waves this spring!

Jennifer, above, flags down some fashion from EJ Gitano. The knit top's shawl collar boasts a row of flag-waving figures. The A-line skirt glitters with gold buttons. Socks 'n' sneaks also from EJ Gitano.

Jodi goes boating in a see-worthy suit from Mrs. Taki's Kids. The double-breasted, mad plaid jacket buttons over a bright white T and neatly pleated cuffed slacks. Socks by Bonnie Doon; Keds slip-on sneaks.

Binoculars are popular when you're catching the waves! Here, Jennifer sets sail in a shipshape striped set. The crew-necked T and flirty, skirt-y shorts with drawstring waist are by Oshkosh. Carole Amper hat; Rosecraft barrette; Trimfit socks; EJ Gitano sneaks.

Aye, aye, what do you spy? Looks like Kim has made a catch. Her dashing dotted dress by Eloise leads the fashion fleet. It features nifty nautical details like a sailor collar and gilt buttons. Hat by Johanna's Kids; Ann Marie barrette; Trimfit tights; Little Capezio shoes.

Jodi really has landed a lifesaver from the navy! Her foxy, boxy oversized white T is trimmed with a marine motif. And those navy Capri pants lace up, lass! Both in cotton jersey from Gloria Vanderbilt. Glasses by Tropical; Bonnie Doon socks; Keds sneaks.

Kim brings nautical news about a commotion on the ocean. Yipes—it's stripes! Goudy Bosco designed the cotton knit sailor-collared top and ruffle-cuffed clamdigger pants. Johanna's Kids headwrap; EJ Gitano socks; Keds red sneakers. Attention, crew!

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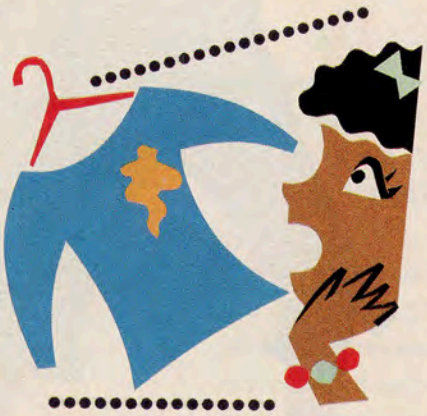
# Let's Talk

**My best friend is always borrowing my things, and they either get lost or wrecked. What should I do?** T.R., Houston, Texas

It sounds like you need to have a talk with your friend! Next time she asks to borrow something, tell her in your best non-angry voice that you'd like to lend it to her, but the item is important to you, and you want it returned in good condition. If she seems insulted, tell her that you like sharing your things, but you also want to take good care of them.

If your friend asks if you don't trust her, remind her nicely that you've lent her stuff before, and that it wasn't always returned in the best condition. You might even want to ask her to return the stuff she's borrowed before you lend her anything else.



Explain that what you're saying has nothing to do with your friendship, and that you'd just like her help in trying to take good care of your possessions. Try to make her see that if you lost or ruined something of hers, she would feel bad, too.

And just as important: Remember all this advice whenever *you* ask to borrow anything! **Evan Levine,** Editor

**I'm late for everything, especially school! How can I learn to be on time?** C.S., Pittsfield, Massachusetts

If you are always late for school, here are some ideas for getting back on schedule:

- The key to getting out of the house in the morning is getting organized the night before. Pick out your outfit; put your books and homework together. Have your keys, bus pass, and whatever else you need all ready in your bookbag. This will save time in the morning.
- Another reason that people are often late in the morning is that they aren't getting enough sleep. Get to bed early enough so you wake up feeling rested. This will get you on the move in the A.M.
- If you don't have an alarm clock, get one. Many alarm clocks are available for less than $10.00. Put your alarm clock in a part of your bedroom where you will have to get out of bed in order to shut it off. This will stop you from turning off the alarm while you're in bed, then going back to sleep.
- If you are late at other times, like for dates with your friends, try leaving 15 minutes earlier than you think you need to leave. In other words, instead of trying to be on time, try to be early.
- Finally, remember that it is very hard to be on time if you don't know what time it is! If you have a watch, wear it. If you don't have a watch, get one. Try setting your watch forward by five or 10 minutes; this might also help you to be on time.

**Pegi Goodman,** Art Director

**I want to get my ears pierced and my mom doesn't want me to. What should I do?** G.F., Des Moines, Iowa

Pierced ears can be a *very* touchy subject between moms and daughters. It sure was for me when I was 10, and everyone else—but me—was getting her ears pierced! I begged, I pleaded, but nothing worked. My mom just felt very strongly that "nice ladies" didn't pierce their ears. I vowed that the minute I was 18, I was going to get my ears pierced . . . and I did. But as long as I was under 18, I had to abide by my mom's rules. She was definitely right about one thing: I played a lot of sports, and earrings would have gotten in the way at times.

Clip-on earrings look just the same as those for pierced ears, so I was allowed to wear clips for special occasions. Maybe *your* mom will let you wear clip-ons once in a while. Even today, I switch between clips and pierced earrings all the time.

Try to understand your mom's reasons; sit down and talk to her. You may not agree with her, but you should respect her feelings.

**Katy Dobbs,** Editorial Director

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# Mystery at Peaceful Valley Ranch

Barbie peered through the plane window in excitement. "Look!" she exclaimed, "I can see mountains and rocky land. We're almost there!"

Skipper, who was sitting next to her, leaned toward the window for a better view. "I can't wait," she said excitedly. "Tell me again about the ranch."

Ken, seated behind them, leaned forward. "Yes," he urged. "Tell us more about the ranch and your friend Nia."

"Well," began Barbie. "Nia says that the ranch is a hotel for guests, but they also raise some animals, like horses and cattle. There are plenty of activities, like . . ."

"Horseback riding!" said Skipper gleefully.

"And barbecues!" added Ken. "Mmmm!"

They all laughed. It was like Ken to think of food!

"Yes, riding and barbecues, and also rodeos and square dances. I told Nia we'd help out in any way we could." A look of concern crossed Barbie's pretty face.

"What is it, Barbie?" asked Skipper.

"I'm not sure," said Barbie slowly. "When I talked to Nia yesterday, she sounded worried, but she wouldn't tell me what was wrong."

Barbie and Nia had met last summer, and the two had quickly become friends. Barbie, Skipper, and Ken were now on their way out west to visit her at the Peaceful Valley Ranch.

"Well, if anything's wrong, we'll help her," said Skipper.

"You bet!" said Ken.

Barbie gave them a smile. Then the flight attendant announced that they would be landing at the airport.

"Peaceful Valley, here we come!" the three chorused.

Barbie, Skipper, and Ken stepped off the plane into bright sunlight and a view of snow-capped mountains.

A moment later, someone called out their names. "There's Nia!" said Ken, pointing out a beautiful dark-haired girl.

When Nia reached the group, there was an excited round of hugs and hellos. "I'm so happy to see you!" she said in her soft voice.

Barbie thought she detected a look of worry in her friend's eyes. "We're thrilled to be here!" she said.

Nia helped them load their luggage into her car. As they drove to the ranch, she pointed out the breathtaking rocky scenery, the old Indian cave dwellings, and the spacious homes.

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"It's so beautiful," said Barbie. "You're very lucky to live out here."

"I am," agreed Nia. "If only. . . ." She stopped herself, and quickly pointed out a large herd of grazing cattle.

Skipper and Ken didn't seem to notice Nia's anxiety, but Barbie did. "I'm going to find out what's going on and help her!" thought Barbie.

Less than an hour later, Barbie and Skipper were comfortably settled in a nicely decorated room.

They changed into jeans, boots, and brightly colored shirts. Barbie put on her favorite hot pink fringed jacket. They met Ken in front of his room. He was wearing jeans and a denim shirt, and sported a big cowboy hat. "One of the ranch hands lent it to me," he said proudly. "What do you think?"

Barbie grinned. "You look like a real Westerner, not a dude," she said, and laughed at Ken's expression. "That was a compliment," she told him. "A dude is a visitor at a Western ranch. But you look like you belong here!"

Barbie, Ken, and Skipper rushed off to meet Nia. As they stepped outside of the ranch house, Barbie noticed something in the distance. "I see something that looks like a group of buildings," she told Nia. "What is it?"

"It's an old ghost town," Nia said. "It was settled by people looking for gold. When the gold ran out, the settlers left. It's been deserted for a long, long time."

"Let's go explore it!" The words came from Skipper, but Barbie and Ken obviously shared her excitement.

Nia looked at their excited faces. "Well . . ." she said.

"We'd be careful, Nia," Ken said. "We're good riders."

"Oh, I know," Nia said. "It's not that."

"Nia," said Barbie gently, "we know that something's bothering you. Won't you please tell us what it is?"

"You're right." Nia admitted. "It's just . . . the ghost town may really be haunted!" Nia went on to say that over the past few days, strange sounds had been heard coming from one of the deserted buildings. In addition, some cattle had disappeared from the ranch just the other day. No one knew what was going on.

"Has anyone explored the ghost town?" asked Ken.

"No, not yet," Nia admitted. "The noises just started, and the ranch has been so busy. And it's still a mystery! The cattle disappeared at the same time the rumors of ghosts began!"

"Now I want to explore it more than ever," Barbie said. "We're going to clear this up for you, Nia, I promise!"

"You're all good friends," the dark-haired girl said gratefully. "I promise that tomorrow, I'll take you out there. But today . . . have fun!"

Barbie, Skipper, and Ken agreed to the plan. The rest of the afternoon was taken up with riding across the miles of trails. When it was time for dinner, everyone gathered by a large open area near the corral for a barbecue.

"This is how I like my chili!" exclaimed Ken, who had sampled a very spicy batch. "Four-alarm hot!"

"I don't mean to alarm you!" Barbie teased. "But you'd better save room for dessert! Nia made fresh pies."

After the meal, the three visitors and Nia sat outside.

"We'd better get a good night's sleep, so we can get up

early and explore the ghost town," Barbie finally said. "Good night, everyone!"

Early the next day, Barbie, Skipper, Ken, and Nia set out. As they approached the deserted buildings, an eerie stillness seemed to hang in the air.

"It's so quiet," Skipper whispered.

At that moment, a strange, mournful cry filled the air.

"I don't like that," said Skipper. "Maybe we should get out of here."

"It's so eerie!" Nia said. "Now you see the problem !"

As the friends rode away, Barbie and Ken agreed to come back at another time, but Barbie thought to herself, "I'm going to find out what that noise was!"

Later that afternoon, Nia offered to teach Skipper some steps for an upcoming square dance. Ken was busy getting pointers on rodeo riding. Barbie decided that this was her opportunity. She quickly saddled Sun Runner, her favorite horse. Barbie waved to Nia and Skipper, as she rode away. "See you later!" Barbie called.

Barbie started galloping toward the ghost town. As she approached the abandoned buildings, she slowed the horse down. "Easy, Sun Runner," she told the mare.

Sitting quietly on the horse, Barbie listened carefully. All she could hear was the wind sighing in the trees. Then the sound came—the same mournful cry that they had heard in the morning.

Barbie rode very quietly to one of the buildings. Again

she heard the sound. "Stop being silly," Barbie scolded herself. It sounded like the ghostly cry was saying "Booo!"

Barbie dismounted and tied the horse to an old hitching post. Then she walked to the building and took a deep breath. She pushed open the swinging door, and followed the sounds to a small back room. Suddenly, she heard a loud "Mooo!" When she saw what was making the noise, Barbie started to laugh.

There, in a dusty corner, stood the missing cow and her two calves! Barbie noticed that one of the calves had hurt its foot, and the others refused to leave it. "Poor thing," she murmured. "We'll get your foot all fixed up. I guess you were saying 'moo' and not 'boo!' " she laughed as she started to lead the cows out.

"Need some help?" a voice asked.

Barbie whirled around. "Ken!" she exclaimed. "How did you know I was here?"

"Nia and Skipper told me you had gone out for a ride," he explained. "I knew you wanted to solve this mystery, so I figured you had come back here. I wanted to make sure you were OK."

At that moment, they heard two other voices.

"Nia and Skipper! " exclaimed Barbie.

She quickly explained what happened.

"Oh, Barbie, I'm so glad!" Nia said happily. "It was brave of you to explore on your own. There must be a hole in the fence back at the ranch, and the cows just wandered through it."

The group went outside and Barbie stopped to look at the buildings. "You know, Nia," she said, "I have a wonderful idea! Why don't we fix up the ghost town, and let people visit it!"

'That's a great idea!" said Nia.

The rest of the visit was taken up with restoring the old town. With the help of some local historians and some old plans of the town, the buildings were restored to look just as they had many years ago.

"It's wonderful!" said Nia, as she and Barbie stood gazing at the town several weeks later. "And we owe it all to you, Barbie!"

"We all did it," said Barbie. "Business at the ranch will be so good that you'll have to turn people away!"

"Three people we'll never turn away," Nia said, "are you and Skipper and Ken. I can't thank you enough."

The next day, Nia saw her friends off at the airport.

"We'll be back," Barbie said, giving Nia a special hug.

"We'll *all* be back," Skipper promised. "Barbie knows how to make a Western adventure extra special!" ***The End***

# TRICKS & TEASERS

# What's a Picnic Without...

**What better way to enjoy the spring air than to go on a picnic? Here is a picnic with all the trimmings. There are 16 picnic items in the picture. Find them and then look for them in the word search. The words are hidden horizontally, vertically, and diagonally, backwards and forwards.**

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No purchase is necessary. Only one winner per family. Void where prohibited by law. If winning answers are duplicated a drawing will be held to select the 5 winners.

# ADVENTURE SWEEPSTAKES

## GUESS ANY 1 OF 5 SECRET GOLDEN TICKET LOCATIONS IN THE USA AND YOU COULD BE A WINNER!

You'll find one clue and rules in each specially marked package of NERDS, (Grape & Strawberry or Orange & Cherry only) GOBSTOPPERS, RUNTS, TART N' TINY and WACKY WAFERS. Check your favorite Willy Wonka candy packages for more details. There are 5 different clues to help you identify each of the 5 secret locations. Start collecting them today.

Where and what are the five secret Golden Ticket locations? Is one a famous monument in New York, or a building in Washington, or a scenic wonder in Arizona, or a historic site in Philadelphia, or a bridge in Florida? Collect the clues for the right answers.

Why not ask mom, dad and the whole family to join in the fun.

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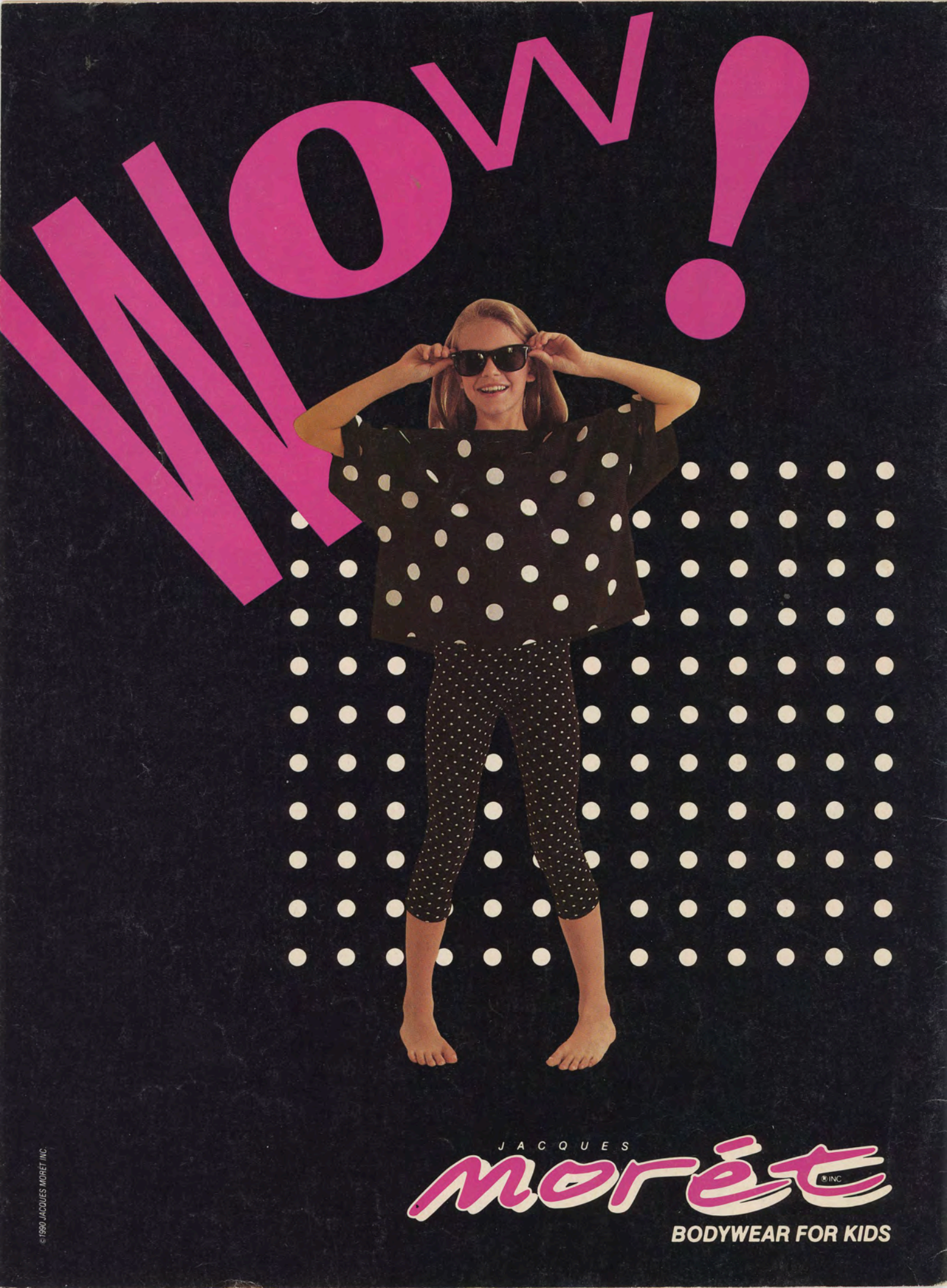
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